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## President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Wyoming

As of May 2023

The Biden-Harris Administration has hit the ground running to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and it is already delivering results for the people of Wyoming. To date, \$2.5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Wyoming with over 131 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$848.8 million has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$160 million has been announced for clean water. And, as of today, more than 17,000 households across the state are receiving affordable high-speed internet due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Many more projects will be added in the coming months, as funding opportunities become grant awards and as formula funds become specific projects. By reaching communities all across Wyoming – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Wyomingites and position the state for success.

**Roads and Bridges:** In Wyoming, there are 218 bridges and over 380 miles of highway in poor condition. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will rebuild our roads and includes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. Based on formula funding alone, Wyoming is expected to receive approximately \$2 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$776.6 million has been announced in Wyoming for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
  - \$685.6 million in highway formula funding and \$90 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
  - \$1.8 million through the RAISE program in 2022 and 2023.

*Announced Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding is as of April 20, 2023*

**Internet:** High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet nearly 22% of Wyomingites do not have an internet subscription. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to every American. Wyoming will receive a minimum allocation of at least \$100 million to help ensure high-speed internet coverage across the state. Additionally, experts estimate that as many as 79,000 households in Wyoming are eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program, which cuts internet bills by up to \$30 per month, or \$75 for households on Tribal lands, and provides a one-time \$100 discount off a connected device. The Biden-Harris Administration is providing further cost savings by working with internet providers to offer high-speed internet plans that are fully covered by the Affordable Connectivity Program — meaning most eligible households can now get high-speed internet without paying a dime.

- **Progress to date:** To date, Wyoming has received \$4.9 million through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to help provide access to high-speed internet across the state. In addition, about 17,000 households in Wyoming are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, with more signing up every day. Households can check their eligibility, sign up, and find fully covered internet plans at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

**Water:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including the first-ever dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$153 million has been announced to Wyoming to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
  - \$152 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$57 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$39 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Public Transit:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Wyoming would expect to receive approximately \$93 million over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.<sup>1</sup> This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Wyoming, where non-white households are 1.2 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 34% transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

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<sup>1</sup> Transit formula funding amounts are subject to changes resulting from the 2020 census or from annual transit service data reported to FTA's National Transit Database.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Wyoming has been allocated \$18 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

**Clean Buses:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure invests over \$10 billion for clean public transit and school buses. This includes a \$5 billion investment over the next five years to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. Use of clean school buses promotes cleaner air, reduced health risks, especially for children, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This year alone, funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help double the number of clean public transit buses on America's roads.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, schools in Wyoming have been awarded \$203,000 through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program.

**Electric Vehicle Charging:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$7.5 billion to build the first-ever national network of electric vehicle chargers in the United States and is a critical element of President Biden's plan to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. Through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program alone, Wyoming should expect to receive roughly \$27 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Wyoming has been allocated \$9.7 million in 2022 and 2023 to build out a network of EV chargers across the state.

**Clean Energy & Power:** Power outages cost the U.S. economy more than \$70 billion annually. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to upgrade our power infrastructure by making the grid more resilient and building thousands of miles of new transmission lines to deliver clean, affordable electricity. The law also makes a historic investment in clean energy technologies like advanced nuclear, clean hydrogen, carbon capture, and batteries, as well as a historic \$3.5 billion investment in weatherization to improve energy efficiency of homes and lower energy costs for impacted households by an average of \$372 per year.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$1.3 billion has been allocated to Wyoming for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
  - \$7.7 million for weatherization;
  - \$3.5 million through the State Energy Program;

- \$3.2 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and
- \$8.5 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months.

**Airports:** According to some rankings, no U.S. airports rank in the top 25 of airports worldwide. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$25 billion in airports to replace and modernize airport infrastructure, which helps the U.S. become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Wyoming has received approximately \$56.8 million in 2022 and 2023 for airports.

**Ports and Waterways:** Like airports, our ports and waterways are in need of repair and investment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$17 billion in port infrastructure to strengthen our supply chains, address maintenance backlogs, and reduce congestion and emissions near ports—ultimately helping our country move goods more quickly and at lower cost.

**Resilience:** Millions of Americans feel the effects of climate change and extreme weather every day. More frequent hurricanes, wildfires, heat waves, floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, Wyoming has experienced 15 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$1.7 billion in damages. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to bolster our resilience against pressing challenges like impacts of climate change, extreme weather events, and other hazards like cyberattacks.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$32.7 million has been allocated to Wyoming for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$4.9 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.

**Legacy Pollution Cleanup:** Across the country, thousands of former industrial, chemical, and energy sites emit harmful pollutants into surrounding communities. These sites pose harms to health, welfare, and economic prosperity — and disproportionately impact communities of color: 26% of Black Americans and 29% of Hispanic Americans live within 3 miles of a Superfund site, a higher percentage than for Americans overall. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$45.2 million has been allocated to Wyoming in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$2.5 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

For more information, click [here](#) to see a map of funding and announced projects in your community through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## **Wyoming Project Spotlights**

### ***'Internet for All' Initiative Spotlight***

#### **Wyoming Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program and Digital Equity Act Program Project**

Overview: The 'Internet for All' initiative will bring high-speed internet and develop digital skills training programs. Wyoming will receive \$5 million in funding to plan for the development and adoption of affordable, reliable high-speed internet throughout the state. This initiative will help disadvantaged and underserved communities – particularly those in rural areas – access the internet.

See [here](#) for more information on Federal investments to bring 'Internet for All' to Wyoming.

### ***RAISE Rural Planning Grant Spotlight***

#### **Lincoln County Project**

Overview: The Department of Transportation awarded Lincoln County a \$1.7 million RAISE grant for planning work that will help assist with the integration of electric vehicles and promote a modal shift from trucks to freight rail, which will decrease fatalities and accidents on local highways.

See [here](#) for more information on this project in Lincoln County, Wyoming.

### ***Resilience Project Spotlight***

#### **Owl Creek Irrigation District Project**

Overview: The Department of Interior awarded \$2 million to the Owl Creek Irrigation District to improve their drought resilience by making water use in the area more efficient under the Department's WaterSMART program.

See [here](#) for the full list of WaterSMART and Energy Efficiency awards announced.

## ***Airport Funding Project Spotlight***

### **Jackson Hole Airport Terminal Improvement Project**

Overview: The Jackson Hole airport received an \$8 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration at the Department of Transportation to improve the airport's terminal building and build new geothermal heating capacity that will increase the airport's energy efficiency, lowering their operating costs. This project will also increase the terminal's capacity to meet growing demand by adding two new gates -- enhancing the experience of travelers, reducing delays, and increasing the accessibility of the airport for families.

See [here](#) for a map and list of the 2022-23 Airport Terminal awards announced.

## ***Community Wildfire Defense Grant Spotlight***

### **Crooked Creek Community Fuels Mitigation Project**

Overview: The United States of Department of Agriculture awarded \$234,825 to the Crooked Creek Community to expand and connect other area treatments on a landscape-level. This will be accomplished by contracting activities to reduce fuel loads and restore forest health. The grant will assist communities in addressing local wildfire risks and make it possible for underserved and at-risk communities to develop or revise community wildfire protection plans.

See [here](#) for more information Community Wildfire Defense Grant for the Crooked Creek Community Fuel Mitigation Project.